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South Miami-Dade Transit Corridor Alternative Analysis Study (South Link)
Five alternatives make the cut…

Miami, Fl. – The Miami-Dade County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the agency responsible for the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County, has held subsequent Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings for the South Miami-Dade Transit Corridor Alternative Analysis Study (South Link) that stretches from the Metrorail terminus at Dadeland South to Florida City. The purpose of the Study is to develop a transportation investment strategy for the South Miami-Dade Corridor beyond those planned and programmed for the South Miami-Dade Busway project.

On Wednesday, August 10th the South Link CAC approved, by a 17-1 vote, the elimination of Alternatives 4 and 7 which consisted of a Metrorail extension to Cutler Ridge and Diesel Multiple Units (DMU) on CSX, respectively, from being further analyzed in the Tier II phase of the study. Both the Transportation Planning Council (TPC) and the MPO Governing Board will review these recommendations that advance the following remaining alternatives:

1. No Build;
2. Transportation System Management Alternative (TSM)/Baseline;
3. Light Rail Transit (LRT);
4. Metrorail Extension from Dadeland South Station to Florida City; and
5. Enhanced Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) with a short Metrorail Extension.

"We are very pleased with the South Link CAC's input to date in respect to public comments and review of the screening results to make the cut to five alternatives for us to continue on with," stated Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager.

If you would like more information regarding these alternatives and/or future CAC meetings, please call the MPO at (305) 375-4507 or visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/mpo.

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